BY: FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTON TO EXPRESS AND REAFFIRM THE COUNCIL'S INTENT TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE THE VARIOUS PIECES OF LEGISLATION LISTED BELOW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council approved and the Mayor adopted Resolution 01-R-0963; A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS DURING THEIR 2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: A CHANGE OF THE COUNTY LINES OF FULTON COUNTY AND DEKALB COUNTY TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA., and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council approved and the Mayor adopted Resolution 01-R-0964; A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE REQUESTING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FUNDING EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE LOCAL PROPERTY BURDEN ON SENIOR CITIZENS OF GEORGIA, and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council approved and the Mayor adopted Resolution 01-R-1442; A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE MARTA TAX FROM THE STATE IMPOSED 2% LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SPLOST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council approved and the Mayor adopted Resolution 01-R-1709; A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW GOVERNING THE PEACE OFFICER'S ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND (O.C.G.A.47-17-1 ET. SEQ.) SO AS TO ALLOW RETIRED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEACE OFFICERS WHO PRIOR TO 1976 WERE EXCLUDED FROM BEING MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, TO BECOME MEMBERS OF SAIS FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the City of Atlanta include in its Legislative Package to the Georgia General Assembly for consideration in their next Legislative Session those Resolutions enumerated above and attached hereto.

## Finance/Executive Committee Legislative Package Recommendations January 16, 2002

Resolution	Description	Status	Recommendation
Number			
	A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS DURING THEIR 2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: A CHANGE OF THE COUNTY LINES OF FULTON COUNTY AND DEKALB COUNTY TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA	Adopted by Council 7/16/2001 Approved by Mayor 7/24/2001	
01-R-0964	A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE REQUESTING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FUNDING EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE LOCAL PROPERTY BURDEN ON SENIOR CITIZENS OF GEORGIA	Adopted by Council 7/2/2001 Approved by Mayor 7/11/2001	
01-R-1442	A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE MARTA TAX FROM THE STATE IMPOSED 2% LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SPLOST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES	Adopted by Council 9/17/2001 Approved by Mayor 9/25/2001	
01-R-1709	A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Adopted by Council 11/5/2001 Approved by Mayor 11/13/2001	
	ENACT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW GOVERNING THE PEACE OFFICER'S ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND (O.C.G.A.47- 17-1 ET. SEQ.) SO AS TO ALLOW RETIRED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEACE OFFICERS WHO PRIOR TO 1976 WERE EXCLUDED FROM BEING MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, TO BECOME MEMBERS OF SAIS FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES		

01-R-0963

A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER
AS AMENDED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS DURING THEIR 2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: A CHANGE OF THE COUNTY LINES OF FULTON COUNTY AND DEKALB COUNTY TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA.

WHEREAS, the city of Atlanta has 12 political districts; 10 of which are in the County of Fulton and 2 of which are in the County of DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, all the citizens of the city of Atlanta receive the same City services; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County re-values property for tax purposes every year and Fulton County re-values property every three years for tax purposes, which causes an unfair discrepancy for citizens within the city limits of Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the Fulton County and DeKalb County delegations bring forward legislation for consideration during the Georgia General Assembly's 2002 Legislative Session a change of the lines of incorporation of Fulton and DeKalb counties to

incorporate all of the council districts of the city of Atlanta, so as to gain a sense of the residents thoughts.

Rhands Daughin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CNC

ADOPTED as amended by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

JUL 02, 2001

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01-R-0964.

A RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FUNDING EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE LOCAL PROPERTY BURDEN ON SENIOR

BSTITUTED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CITIZENS OF GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, in many communities in Georgia property taxes for schools equates to more than 50 % of the local tax bill; and

WHEREAS, some counties in Georgia have passed local legislation to exempt senior citizens from school taxes; and

WHEREAS, some school districts in Georgia have passed public referendums for special purpose local option sales tax for additional funding; and

WHEREAS, some states have a statewide tax dedicated to improving public education statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the City of Atlanta include in its Legislative Package to the Georgia General Assembly for consideration during their next Legislative Session a request for a study committee to discover alternative means for funding public education in Georgia.

A true copy,

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ADOPTED as amended by the Council APPROVED by the Mayor

JUL 16, 2001 JUL 24, 2001

**A RESOLUTION** 

BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

01-R-1442

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE MARTA TAX FROM THE STATE IMPOSED 2% LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SPLOST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is desirous of seeking new methods to enhance its revenue; and

WHEREAS, a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is one method by which revenue may be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, such a tax cannot be imposed in Fulton and DeKalb counties because the MARTA sales tax is included in the State-imposed cap of two percent; and

WHEREAS, if the MARTA tax were excluded from the two percent cap, Fulton and DeKalb Counties would be free to impose a SPLOST if approved by the voters.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES
AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Atlanta's 2002 Legislative Package shall include a request that the General Assembly enact legislation which would exclude the MARTA tax from the State imposed two percent local option sales tax cap so that Fulton and DeKalb Counties would be free to impose a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) should the imposition of such a tax be approved by the voters.

Amendment Incorporated by tcp 9-26-01

Rhonda Daughin Jokkson

ADOPTED as amended by the Council APPROVED by the Mayor

SEP 17, 2001 SEP 25, 2001

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A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA MOORE /

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A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW GOVERNING THE PEACE

OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND (O.C.G.A. 47-17-1 ET. SEQ.) SO AS TO ALLOW RETIRED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEACE OFFICERS WHO PRIOR TO 1976, WERE EXCLUDED FROM TO 1976,

WERE EXCLUDED FROM BEING MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, TO BECOME MEMBERS OF SAID FUND;

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in 1950, the State of Georgia created the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund (Ga. L. 1950 p. 50, codified at O.C.G.A. §47-17-1 et. seq.) which is a supplemental retirement system for peace officers (as defined in the Act) employed by local governments; and

WHEREAS, African-American police officers employed by the City of Atlanta were denied the opportunity to become members of said fund because of their race; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the General Assembly should take the necessary actions and enact the necessary laws so as to correct this egregious wrong.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Atlanta's 2002 Legislative Package shall include a request that the General Assembly enact amendments to the law governing the Peace Officers' Annuity And Benefit Fund (O.C.G.A. §47-17-1 et. seq.) so as to allow retired African-

American peace officers who prior to 1976, were excluded from being members because of their race, to become members of said fund.

Section 2: It is further requested that the opportunity to allow said African-American peace officers to become members of said fund be based upon a reasonable "buy back" amount free of penalties and interest and that the five year cap on the maximum number of "buy back" years of service be removed so as to allow said peace officers to buy back as many of their service years as they desire.

Section 3: It is finally requested that O.C.G.A. § 47-20-34 (a) be amended so as to allow the requested amendments to the Peace Officers' Annuity And Benefit fund law to be introduced during the 2002 session of the Georgia General Assembly rather than during the first year of the term of office of members of the General Assembly as is currently required by said law.

<u>Section 4</u>: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

A true copy,

ADOPTED by the Council APPROVED by the Mayor

NOV 05, 2001 NOV 13, 2001